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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *William Ward, Celia Bird, Mary Hart, Julie Hathaway, Jenny Tomczak, Pat Payne, Celeste Crowley*

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:33 PM

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION TAKEN |
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| 1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of May Minutes | a. August Agenda – Approved with addition of c. Elect Interim Chair to item 1 Approvals, and remove item 5 Chair Report. b. June 18 th meeting Minutes – motion to table until September meeting c. Elect Interim Chair – motion to elect Julie Hathaway as Interim Chair for the Board of Health | Mary motioned, Celia 2 nd . ~Approved Julie motioned, Mary 2 nd . ~Approved Mary motioned, Celia 2 nd . ~all in favor, approved |
| 2. Public Forum | There were no public attendees | |
| 3. Pesticide Applications and Products a. BPRW – Bike Path at Harrison Avenue b. ECI – Oakledge | a. Burlington Parks & Rec Bob Hayms joined the meeting to continue the discussion of how to control the knotweed on the bike path at Harrison Avenue. Parks & Rec handed out an overview/update of the discussion and plans for this application. | |

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| | <p>Bob and the BOH members discussed options, timing of treatment, and the railroads treatment of the area.</p> <p>One question raised was; can it be mowed to contain the knotweed? Yes it can, but it would have to be in conjunction with the property owners in that area. Cutting the plant prevents the rhizomes from accumulating enough energy to spread their growth. But without the property owners participation, controlling this area is moot even with the herbicide applications.</p> <p>The basic function of the railroads pesticide use regarding knotweed is to keep a line of sight for the conductors along the tracks. Discussions with the railway revealed that they spray the area with the same/similar herbicide but they do not take into consideration the people using the bike path or the effects the herbicide can have on the lake.</p> <p>The board members feel that there are still questions that need to be answered regarding the railways participation in a solution. If the City puts a plan in place to control the knotweed, would that stop the railway from treating that area? That is the most important question at this point. The City feels that if they can oversee the herbicide applications, they would be able to ensure that the lake and the residents using the path would be safe rather than letting the railway spray the herbicide without any signage to warn residents of the risk and without their concern for the long term effects it could have on the lake.</p> <p>This discussion is to be continued and it was motioned for the BOH staff to communicate with the railway to solidify answers to their plan for treatment at Harrison Ave.</p> <p>b. ECI – Oakledge</p> <p>The proposal is to block off both sides of the bike path for a section at Oakledge Park and spray the poison ivy. The intent is to reduce the chance of ECI workers from getting</p> | <p>Patrick -motioned to table 3A until further information is collected on the railroad's intent to spray or change their knotweed treatment plan and asked staff to follow up with VPAC. Celia 2nd</p> <p>Celia motioned to vote tonight; Jenny 2nd. All in favor. Celia motioned to deny the application – Pat 2nd.</p> |
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| | <p>poison ivy while they do construction in that area. Bob Hayms was again on hand to discuss this with the Board of Health.</p> <p>Can the poison ivy be pulled or mowed to reduce the risk? Yes it can.</p> <p>Is it worth the risk of the herbicide leaching into the lake as compared to the length of time of the project? No, not really.</p> <p>Celia motioned to deny the application.</p> | All in favor, application denied. |
| 4. Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center | <p>Janet Callison from the Community Sailing Center emailed the Board of Heath seeking assistance to fund an external AED.</p> <p>The BOH members discussed the benefits of having an external AED accessible in that location of Burlington & the waterfront.</p> <p>Mary motioned to donate the \$500 to the Sailing Center.</p> | Mary motioned; Pat 2 nd . All in favor. Motion passed. |
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| 5. Eradicating Systemic Racism | <p>Celia proposed that we review this topic and set the goals for the coming year. Pat offered to work on this topic with her on a regular basis. Celia welcomed the collaboration.</p> <p>The Board would like to invite Tyeastia Green back to discuss how the Juneteenth Holiday events went, and to talk about what's the next goal or focus point for the REIB office in the coming year.</p> | |
| 6. Emerging Issues | There were no emerging issues. | |
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| 7. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum | <p>a. Front Porch Forum. The members discussed a topic for the next FPF post and educated the new members on our focus for using FPF.</p> <p>Celia recommended an article about Pediatric Health for Back to School.</p> | Celia motioned; Jenny 2 nd . All in Favor |
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| 8. Next Meeting | The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9 th at 6:30pm | Meet via Zoom and in person at 645 Pine St |

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| 9. Adjournment | Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm | Mary motioned, Celia 2 nd . |